

tion expressed at the lease, as it is calculated to interfere with and postpone the construction of important improvements in your State, which I know to be the wish of our Company to push forward to completion, as valuable feeders to the North Carolina and the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company. I, however, entertain the hope that this state of things will not exist long, and that we may at an early day feel encouraged to aid in pushing forward the works alluded to above.

Very Respectfully,

Your Ob't Servant,

W. T. SUTHERLIN.

RICHMOND, VA., January 25, 1872.

COL. E. B. WITHERS:

Did not reach a vote on my bill to-day, and it will fail, I fear, if I leave. I beg you allow me until Monday. See my letter.

Answer,

W. T. SUTHERLIN.

Exchange Hotel.

Maj. W. D. Jones says that there was no examination of the power of the old Board to lease the road; was not present the day the road was leased; that he knew nothing of the origin of the Stafford injunction; know nothing of counsel having been employed in that suit; there was no advertisement or notice that the road would be leased; I was not present at any time when this lease was talked of; one Buford had made propositions before, which were rejected; Maj. Smith, John R. Harrison, John McDonald were re-appointed directors by Gov. Caldwell; debt of the road was about \$480,000; was not of the Caldwell board; Jones, Welker, Albright, Sloan and Henderson, of Gov. Holden's Board was not re-appointed; do not know whether Caldwell's Board has organized or performed